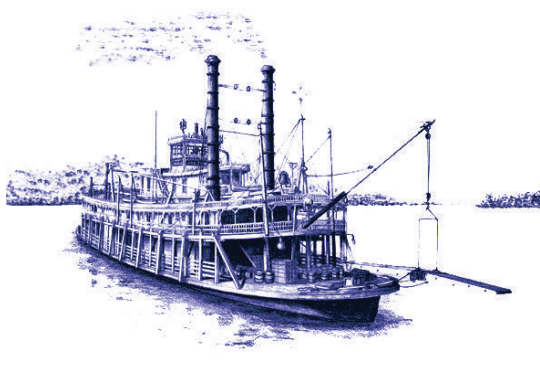




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PLENTY OF HALLOWEEN EVENTS THIS WEEK AFTER HARVEST FESTIVAL SATURDAY.

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BLF celebrates its new headquarters at former bank building

BY BOB DEMAREE

Bethany Legacy Foundation on Thursday held a housewarming celebration for its new headquarters at 215 East Main Street that for many years was home to Madison Bank and Trust Company.

“We intentionally designed it to bring people together, to spark creatively and make it easy to do the work,” Dora Anim, BLF president and CEO told those in attendance. “This is about learning, collaboration and inspiration. What you see is about our brand and our values. This space is really a gift to our community and to you. We want you to come here and be inspired to create solutions for this county that will help the people that we serve.”

BLF was formed in 2022 after the transfer of ownership of King’s Daughters’ Health from the Bethany Circle of King’s Daughters’ and Sons to Norton Healthcare. BLF’s focus is to address health and wellness needs with the goal of making Jefferson County the healthiest place in the world.

The organization of BLF began with the hiring of Anim as president and CEO in July of 2022. The staff has now expanded to six to include Angie Klein, operations manager; Morgan Hamilton, community engagement manager; Ronnie Watson, grants and impact director; Maranda Ater, program associate; and Erin Coffin, office associate.

BLF’s first headquarters was in a portion of The Madison Courier building for two years through late July of last year before moving to the basement of the bank building



Bob Demaree

Julie Berry, president of the board of directors of Bethany Legacy Foundation, addresses attendees at Thursday’s housewarming celebration for BLF’s new headquarters in the former Madison Bank and Trust Company building. Standing behind Berry is Dora Anim, BLF president and CEO.

during construction on the main floor to recreate the space unveiled Thursday.

Julie Berry, BLF president of the board of directors, said the foundation’s space in the building “was designed to promote improvement through collaboration” that’s more than offices for the non-profit health foundation, but also a community space.

There are three meeting rooms available for organizations and teams to use and a large community area for events, trainings and gatherings. The basement is available for smaller meetings, trainings or retreats that need a more private

setting. There are also cafe-style seating areas to create a welcoming environment.

BLF is utilizing 9,390 square feet on the main floor and basement. “We sectioned off the parts of the building that made sense,” said Anim, adding, “We don’t need the whole building.” Scott Lynch Realty has offices on the upper floor.

Berry reflected on the history of the bank building, asking for a show of hands of people who had opened their first checking account there, resulting in many arms raised. For decades, she said the bank was a place that was integral to driving

business in Jefferson County.

“A lot went on here. A lot of economic development projects occurred in the board rooms upstairs. If these 18-inch walls could talk, I can’t imagine what they’d say,” she said.

Madison Bank and Trust Company was a merger on Aug. 2, 1954 of two banks — National Branch Bank and Madison Safe Deposit and Trust Company, that led to the National Branch Bank being torn down for construction of the current building. Even though Madison Bank and Trust was acquired by Merchants National Corporation in 1987 and National City

in 1992, it held onto the historical name until 2005 when the MainSource Bank purchase was completed.

Madison Bank and Trust Company’s lineage went back to 1833, opening as branch of the Second State Bank, which at one time gave it the distinction of being Indiana’s oldest state-chartered bank.

Berry noted the bank building also played an integral role in keeping county government going after the Jefferson County Courthouse caught fire and was gutted May 20, 2009. MainSource Bank offered the basement and third floor to the county rent-free with the county only paying half of the utility bills. “I can’t begin to tell you how much money that saved Jefferson County taxpayers,” said Berry, who was a County Commissioner at the time.

Anim praised BLF’s board of directors — Berry, Darleen Connolly, Susan Craig, Valecia Crisafulli, Leslie Grote, Susan Ohlendorf, Jackie Thurston, Annie Schroeder and Sharyn Whitman — as a group that “feels our dreams” in serving Jefferson County.

The building committee included Berry, Connolly, Crisafulli, Schoeder, Whitman, Pam Kimmel and Gloria Risk. Advisors were Lynch, Ron Bateman and Herschel Brichto.

The configuration of former banking space to BLF offices and community was done with the guidance of Kristy Sieve’s team from Mertz Design Studio and Jenny Garda of RCF Group Interior Designer. “We were able to pull this off without an architect, and that’s not a small task,” noted Anim.

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Indiana's governor calls a special session to redraw the state's congressional boundaries

BY ISABELLA VOLMERT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Republican governor of Indiana said Monday he’s scheduling a special session to redraw congressional boundaries after weeks of pressure to back President Donald Trump’s bid to add more winnable seats with midcycle redistricting.

Trump has pressed Republicans to draw new maps that give the party an easier path to maintain control of the House in the midterms. While Republicans in Texas, Missouri and North Carolina have moved quickly to enact new districts, Indiana lawmakers have been hesitant.

Republican Gov. Mike Braun called for the General Assembly to convene Nov. 3 for the special session. It’s unclear whether enough of the GOP majority Senate will back new maps.

The White House held multiple meetings with Indiana lawmakers who have held out for months. The legislative leaders kept their cards close as speculation swirled over whether the state known for its more measured approach to Republican politics would answer the redistricting call.

NATIONAL PRESSURE CAMPAIGN

Vice President JD Vance first met with Braun and legislative leaders in Indianapolis in August and Trump met privately with state House Speaker Todd Huston and state House President Pro Tem Rodric Bray in the Oval Office weeks later. Vance also spoke to state lawmakers visiting Washington that day.

Vance returned to Indianapolis on Oct. 10 to meet with the governor, as well as the Republican state House and Senate members.

Braun is a staunch ally of Trump in a state the president won by 19 percentage points in 2024. But Indiana lawmakers have avoided the national spotlight in recent years — especially



Michael Conroy/AP photo

Indiana Gov. Mike Braun speaks during a Make Indiana Healthy Again initiative event in Indianapolis, April 15.

after a 2022 special session that yielded a strict abortion ban. Braun previously said he did not want to call a special session until he was sure lawmakers would back a new map.

“I am calling a special legislative session to protect Hoosiers from efforts in other states that seek to diminish their voice in Washington and ensure their representation in Congress is fair,” Braun said in a statement Monday.

Typically, states redraw boundaries of congressional districts every 10 years after the census has concluded. Opponents are expected to challenge any new maps in court.

State lawmakers have the sole power to draw maps in Indiana, where Republicans hold a supermajority in both chambers. Democrats could not

stop a special session by refusing to attend, as their peers in Texas briefly did.

OPPOSITION TO REDRAWING THE MAPS MIDCYCLE

A spokesperson for Bray said last week that the Indiana Senate lacked the votes to pass a new congressional map and she said Monday that the votes are still lacking, casting doubt on whether a special session will achieve Braun’s goals.

With only 10 Democrats in the 50-member Senate, that means more than a dozen of the 40 Republicans oppose the idea. Some state Republican lawmakers have warned that midcycle redistricting can be costly and could

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New polling place must be found for 3 precincts in 2026

BY BOB DEMAREE

A new polling place will need to be found for voters in three Jefferson County precincts in 2026 due to plans to demolish the former E.O. Muncie Elementary School sometime over the next few months.

Madison Consolidated Schools (MCS) board of trustees earlier this year approved construction of an Early Learning Center that will be built on the site of the school building.

“We have no options. It has to be moved because they aren’t going to have a building,” said Merritt Alcorn, the Democrat representative on the county’s Election Board.

“We now have to move 2,900 voters and three precincts to a location that is going to house them,” said County Clerk Tabatha Eblen. “It’s our busiest location. We always have lines even in primary elections, so we need to make sure we can accommodate the parking.”

Precincts 2-1, 5-1 and 5-2 voted at E.O. Muncie during the 2024 election.

Two potential sites are being explored as a new voting location — North Madison Baptist Church, 1906 Orchard Street, and the Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County, 1551 MSH North Gate Road.

Eblen will contact representatives of both locations to discuss the viability of using one of them as a voting place, and then the Election Board will need to make a decision using that information at another meeting before the

end of the year.

Other sites were discussed including the Indiana Guard Armory, 1533 Clifty Drive, but Alcorn felt that location is too far from voters in precinct 2-2, many living on Michigan Road, having at one time been a precinct stationed by itself at Shawe Memorial High School.

Logan Gray, the Republican Election Board representative, and Alcorn both liked that the church and the club are in the vicinity of the E.O. Muncie site.

Eblen said when Jay Roney, MCS building and grounds superintendent, told her about the unavailability of E.O. Muncie, he offered Madison Junior High School as a possible location but both Alcorn and Gray felt that was too close to Madison Consolidated High School that uses the auxiliary gym for precincts 4-1, 4-1A, 4-2 and 4-3.

“I’m afraid that might be confusing with the other location,” said Gray, with the two locations being across from one another.

Alcorn agreed that it would be confusing about “where are people supposed to go.” The entrance to the high school location is identifiable and easy for people to find it. “When you say the gym at the high school, everybody knows where that is” but that won’t be the case at the junior high where there are likely also to be traffic problems.

In the past, North Madison Fire Department No. 5 was the polling site for precinct 5-2 but Eblen said it was too small for hosting the three

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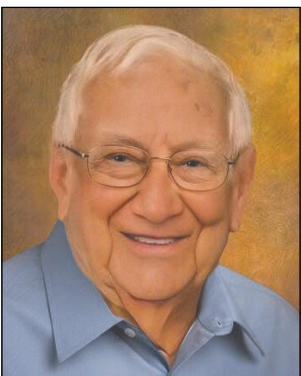
Irvin Tye Stockdale

Irvin Tye Stockdale, age 97, of Madison, IN, was born on March 21, 1928, in Milton, KY, the son of the late Otis Irvin Stockdale and Rena Dolby Stockdale. A proud graduate of Milton High School's Class of 1946, Irvin went on to attend barber school in Louisville, KY. On June 22, 1952, at the First Baptist Church in downtown Madison, he was united in marriage to Mary Anita Burnett. This union was blessed with 52 years of marriage and daughters Mary Lynn and Jean Elizabeth which blessed their home.

He served his country faithfully as an air diesel mechanic in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict from 1951 to 1955. After returning home, he began his career as a barber on Main Street in Madison, alongside Don Luckett. His sisters, Joan and Elizabeth, shared his passion for the trade as beauticians. In time, Irvin began a career with Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation (IKEC), where he worked as a heavy equipment operator for 36 years until his retirement in 1993. Known for his strong work ethic—and for his love of card games during lunch breaks—Irvin formed lasting friendships with his colleagues. In March 2025, he was honored by Union Lodge No. 2 of Madison, for his remarkable 75 years of dedication as a Mason, a recognition that brought him great pride.

A man of strong faith, Irvin grew up attending Mt. Byrd Christian Church in Milton, and later became a devoted member of First Baptist Church in downtown Madison. His hobbies reflected his love of fellowship and music — he was an avid fan of gospel quartets and often traveled locally to hear them perform. He was also a loyal supporter of UK basketball and enjoyed many games of euchre in his younger years. Irvin passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025, at 5:05 a.m., at the River Terrace Health Campus in Madison, IN.

Irvin will be missed by his loving daughters, Mary Lynn Stockdale and her husband Gregory C.



Jones, M.D. of Owingsville, KY, Jean Elizabeth Anderson and her husband Dale of Lexington, OH; his grandchildren, Neil Anderson and wife, Lucy Shin of Sugar Hills, GA, Eileen Defenbaugh and her husband, Jake of Columbus, OH; his great-grandchildren Zoey, Raya, Lula, Tye, and Austin.

He was preceded in death by his father, Otis Irvin Stockdale; his mother, Rene Dolby Stockdale; his loving wife of 52 years, Mary Anita Burnett who passed away on June 5, 2005; his sisters, Elizabeth Edwards and Joan Perkins; his brother, Earl Stockdale.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, at 11 a.m., by Rev. Randy Crutchfield at the First Baptist Church, 416 Vine Street in Madison, IN.

Military honors will be conducted by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion. Interment will follow in the Moffett Cemetery, in Milton, KY.

A Masonic service will be conducted by the Union Lodge No. 2 of Madison, on Friday, Oct. 31, 2025, at 7 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Friends may call Friday, Oct. 31, 2025, from 5 - 7 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN, and then Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, from 10 a.m., until the time of service at the First Baptist Church, 416 Vine Street in Madison, IN.

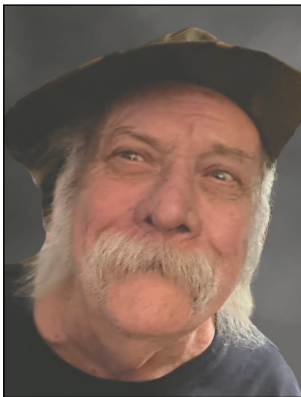
Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Youth Fund. Cards are available at the funeral home. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

John Robert Lockridge

John Robert Lockridge, age 76, of Madison, IN, formerly of Charlestown, IN, and the son of the late James E. and Virginia Inez (Smith) Lockridge, was born on Oct. 28, 1948, in Hanover, IN. He was a 1966 Southwestern High School graduate and was an electrician at General Electric for many years until his retirement in 2004. He was a member of Mensa International and enjoyed fishing, reading, playing the banjo, and harmonica, and watching old westerns on television. John loved to joke and make people laugh. Mr. Lockridge passed away on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025, at Norton Hospital in Louisville, KY.

He is survived by his daughter: Jennifer Durand and her husband, Kenny of Madison; his sister: Joyce Higdon of Louisville, KY; his grandson: Maverick Chase Miller and his fiancé, Rachelle of Columbus, IN; his step-granddaughter, Amanda Durand of Lexington, KY; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter,



Amy Neely; his brother: James Lockridge; his sisters: Cynthia Shepherd and Jane O'Hara and her husband, Jim; and his brother-in-law, David Higdon.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, at Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, 117 Holt Drive, Madison. Friends and family may visit at Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel from 10:30 a.m., until the time of the service on Thursday.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Madison-Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Contributions may be made at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home or at www.lytlewelty.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS MARCHING BAND SHOWCASE
Madison Consolidated High School Football Field
Thursday, Oct. 30, 6 p.m.
Performances from area bands on Cub Field. Admission \$5.

TWELVE ANGRY PIGS
Hoosier Theater, 209 Ferry St., Vevay
Friday and Saturday, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, and Sunday, Nov. 2, 2 p.m.
In this comical yet surprisingly educational parody of 'Twelve Angry Men,' a certain wolf is on trial for blowing down a pair of houses owned by the Three Little Pigs. Admission \$12.

BLOOD DRIVE RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Trimble County High School
1029 U.S. 421, Bedford, Kentucky
Friday, Oct. 31, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Appointment times may be scheduled before arriving by calling 800-733-2767, going

to redcrossblood.org, or downloading the Blood Donor App.

FUNDRAISERS KENT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FISH FRY
Saturday, Nov. 8, 4-8 p.m.
Event to support the Kent Volunteer Fire Department.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK
331 East Main Street, Madison
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, Noon-1 p.m.
A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags.
For more information, call 812-265-2157.

HOUSE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY
100 East Second Street, Madison
Tuesdays 5-7 p.m.; Fridays, 9-11 a.m.
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison.
Please arrive at the pantry

15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

NORTH MADISON CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY
1400 East State Road 62
Saturday, Nov. 22, 8-10 a.m.
A food distribution at the church on the fourth Saturday of each month (with the exception of holidays).
Free with no qualifications.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS JESUS CLOTHES CLOSET
Trinity United Methodist Church
412 West Main Street, Madison
Mondays, 9-11 a.m.
Jesus Clothes Closet distributes free clothing to those in need.
For more information, call 812-866-4843.

SENIOR EVENTS HANOVER SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
Exercising: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and

Thursdays, 10 a.m.
Lunch: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center.
Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

MADISON SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
Senior Meals: Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center, 208 West Main St. on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6. Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.
Game Days: The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison.
The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesday, 10-11:30 a.m.
The games are free and open to senior citizens.

River Valley Resources receives \$10K for Rural Works

BY THE COURIER STAFF

River Valley Resources has been awarded a \$10,000 grant for its Rural Works Reentry Services from the First Financial Foundation.

"This funding allows us to continue to offer our vital Rural Works program, which helps people move from poverty to self-sufficiency," said Konnie McCollum, chief of operations, River Valley Resources. "We are so thankful to have First Financial Foundation as a community partner."

Two other Jefferson County organizations received foundation grants — \$6,000 to Habitat of Humanity of Southeast Indiana and \$5,000 to Jefferson County United Way, bringing as overall total of \$21,000 for grants in the county.

"Supporting our clients and communities has always reflected who we are as a bank," said Roddell McCullough, chief corporate responsibility officer for First Financial. "Every year of our annual grant campaign brings us new optimism around the positive impacts we're delivering through our local partners."

For the entire 2025 campaign, total funding includes \$550,000 for 96 organizations throughout the Midwest, making this the largest grant campaign in First Financial's history. First Financial grants focus on supporting neighborhood development, workforce development and education, and culture in the arts, and they emphasize providing support to low-income communities.

LOTTERIES

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto 4-14-1 8-32-41-45 (10/25). Estimated Jackpot: \$4.8 million. Next Drawing (10/29)
Cash Five: 14-20-21-36-45 (10/26)
Cash 4 Life: 12-37-44-56-58 CB: 4 (10/26)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 13-15-28-32 CB: 16 (10/26)
Lucky For Life: 2-8-11-24-30 LB: 10 (10/26)
MEGAMILLIONS: 11-18-31-51-56 MB: 24 (10/24) Next Jackpot: \$714 million. Next Drawing (10/28)
POWERBALL: 2-12-22-39-67 PB: 15, PP 2 (10/25). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$358 million. Next Drawing (10/27)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 3-24-46-58-61 PB: 7 (10/25). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (10/27)

NEWS OF RECORDS

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER LODGINGS Oct. 23, 2025
Joseph Lee Morrow, 44, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant. Bond \$20,000 cash.
Oct. 24, 2025
James E. Castner, 52, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony; Neglect of a Dependent, a Level 6 felony; Possession of Marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.
Rafael Gonzalez, 18, Madison, to serve 79 days jail on a court-ordered sentencing, No bond.
Melody Michelle Mardella, 26, Hanover, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation. Bond \$1,000 cash.
Richard S. Wainscott, 51, Vevay, Indiana, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation. Bond \$5,000 cash.
Jason W. Whicker, 48, Hanover, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear (failure to appear). No bond.
Oct. 25, 2025
Hannah Paige Jines, 26, Madison, on a Jefferson

County warrant for failure to appear. Bond \$2,500 cash.

Oct. 26, 2025
Dylan Harley Riggs, 22, Madison, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. Bond \$5,000 cash.

Dustin Claude McFadden, 34, Madison, for Criminal Confinement, a Level 6 felony; Battery-Domestic, Communication-Interfere in the Reporting of a Crime and Invasion of Privacy, all Class A misdemeanors. No bond.

Oct. 27, 2025
Michael K. Jester, 64, Milton, Kentucky, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor; and on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation. Bond \$500 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT SENTENCINGS Oct. 23, 2025
Sheldon James Bond, Deputy, Indiana, for a sentence amendment on Dealing in Methamphetamine a Level 4

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DEATH NOTICES

Jeanette Ginn Alexander, 92, of Louisville and formerly of Bedford, KY, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025, at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, with interment to follow in Bedford Cemetery there, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Samuel Allen "Sam" Arnwine, 30, of Ordway, CO, and formerly of Switzerland County, IN, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025. All services have been canceled at the request of the family.

Herbert M. "Herbie" Hancock, 77, of Carrollton, KY, died unexpectedly on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025. Private graveside service will be Wednesday, Oct. 29, at Carrollton I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Georgia Carolyn Lemaster Loudon, 94, of Indianapolis and

formerly of Bedford, KY, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025, at Evergreen Crossing and The Lofts in Indianapolis. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, at Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, with interment to follow in Bedford Cemetery there, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Ronald Coleman Smith, 72, of Bedford, KY, died Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025, at Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Terry Wayne Woodall, 74, of Cross Plains, IN, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025, at his home. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Graveside services with military honors were Monday, Oct. 27, at the Rising Sun New Cemetery in Risin Sun, IN. Arrangements by Markland Funeral Home in Rising Sun, www.marklandfuneralhome.com.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 8:03 a.m.
Sunset: 6:47 p.m.
Temperature: High 59, Low 47, Mean 53.0, Deficit 56.1
Precipitation since last published: 0
Precipitation, October 2025: 1.45
Precipitation, 2025: 49.28

Barometer 30.28, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 421.73 feet, Falling
Forecast: Wednesday: Rain High 49/Low 43; Thursday: Showers High 51/Low 38; Friday: Partly cloudy 57/Low 39; Saturday: Mostly cloudy High 52/Low 35.



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Treat-or-treat throughout area this Friday on Halloween

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Halloween is Friday with trick-or-treat from 6-8 p.m. in Madison, Hanover and Patriot in Indiana, as well as Bedford, Carrollton and Milton in Kentucky. There are lots of other Halloween activities throughout the area:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
Jefferson County 4-H Trick of Treat Drive-Through: Thursday, Oct. 30, 5-7 p.m., at Jefferson County Extension Office, 3767 West State Road 256, Madison, an event held by Jefferson County Purdue Extension with community groups invited to participate. Stay in your cars with headlights on traveling under 10 miles per hour and collect treats with a bag or bucket. Enter extension office parking lot and exit gate 3. All community youth are invited.

Jefferson County Government Trunk or Treat: Thursday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m., at the Troy D. Morgan Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road.

Elks Haunted Lodge: Friday, Oct. 31, 6-10 p.m., Elks Lodge, 1251 West Main Street. \$10 entry fee at the door. Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Lanier Mansion Haunted Histories: Friday, Oct. 31, 7-9 p.m. at Lanier Mansion State Historic Site. Inside the mansion's formal parlor, visitors can immerse themselves 19th century ghost lore and spiritualism. The evening will conclude with a walking tour of

Madison's spookiest locations, including the Broadway Hotel, the old Vail and White Funeral Parlor and the Madison riverfront. Recommended for guests age 13 and older. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$10 for youth.

CARROLL COUNTY
General Butler State Resort Park Haunted House: Friday, Oct. 31, from 7-10 p.m. Tickets \$10 per person may be purchased at the Mini Golf Hut near the front entrance of the park.

General Butler State Resort Park Paranormal Tour: Friday, Oct. 31, 45-minute hunt at the Butler Turpin State Historic House. Purchase tickets online in advance for \$15 or at the door for \$20. Tours at 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Circus of the Dead, 305 Grobmyer Avenue, Carrollton: Haunted Walk hosted by Bettlejuice and Lydia, free, with strobes, flashing lights, loud noises and fog machine, 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31.

SWITZERLAND COUNTY
The Original Vevay Ghost Tour: Friday, Oct. 31, 7 p.m. Tour starts from Vevay Vintage Prop and Shop, 110 Eat Main Street, where tickets can be purchased. Only 21 years plus, includes Roxy's Vevay. \$40 per person. Tickets can also be purchased via MadTix. Only 25 tickets are available for each tour. Proceeds go to Historic Hoosier Theater and the non-profit Broads on Boards (BOBs)



Bob Demaree

Margot Wright, 6, has fun going down the slide at Saturday's Harvest Festival, organized by the Madison Parks and Recreation Department.



Bob Demaree

Noah Jones of Madison enjoys his ride on the mechanical pumpkin during Saturday's Harvest Festival at Bicentennial Park.



Bob Demaree

Linda Oberholtzer (left) and Judy Carlow Schafer hand out candy at Saturday's Harvest Festival.



Bob Demaree

People line up for the candy and games at Saturday's Harvest Festival, an event organized by the Madison Parks and Recreation Department.



Bob Demaree

Margot Wright, 6, Madison, pets the llama in the petting zoo in Lamplighter Park during Saturday's Harvest Festival.



Bob Demaree

People gather around the Scarecrow Bouncer at Saturday's Harvest Festival, an event organized by the Madison Parks and Recreation Department.

Halloween pumpkin waste is a methane problem, but chefs and farmers have solutions

BY KIKI SIDERIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Don't let your Halloween pumpkin haunt the landfill this November. More than 1 billion pounds (454 million kilograms) of pumpkins rot in U.S. landfills each year after Halloween, according to the Department of Energy. Yours doesn't have to go to waste. Experts told us your pumpkins can be eaten, composted or even fed to animals. Here's how.

COOKING WITH PUMPKIN WASTE

If you're carving a jack-o'-lantern, don't throw away the skin or innards — every part is edible. After carving, you can cube the excess flesh — the thick part between the outer skin and the inner pulp that holds the seeds — for soups and stews, says Carleigh Bodrug, a chef known for cooking with common food scraps. You can also puree it and add a tablespoon to your dog's dinner for extra nutrients. And pumpkin chunks

can be frozen for future use. "The seeds are a nutritional gold mine," Bodrug said. They're packed with protein, magnesium, zinc and healthy fats, according to a 2022 study in the journal *Plants*. One of Bodrug's recipes involves removing the seeds, rinsing and roasting them with cinnamon for a crunchy snack or salad topper. Then you can use the stringy guts to make a pumpkin puree for muffins. This version differs from canned purees in grocery stores — which typically use a different type of pumpkin or squash — because carving pumpkins have stringier innards and a milder flavor. A carving pumpkin's guts can still be used for baking — you'll just have to amp up the seasoning to boost the flavor. If you don't want to eat your pumpkins, you can donate them to a local farm, which might use them to feed pigs, chickens and other animals. Edible parts should be collected while you're carving and before it's painted, decorated or left on

your porch for weeks. Paint and wax aren't food-safe, and bacteria and mold can grow on the skin in outdoor climates. Once you've cooked what you can and donated what's safe to feed, composting the rest is the easiest way to keep it out of the landfill. "That way, even though they're not safe to eat, they can still give back to the earth," Bodrug said. **COMPOSTING AT HOME OR DONATING TO A FARM** Composting pumpkins keeps them out of methane-emitting landfills and turns them into nutrient-rich soil instead. You can do this at home or drop them off at a local farm, compost collection bin or drop-off site. "A large percentage of what ends up going to the landfill is stuff that could have been composted," said Dante Sclafani, compost coordinator at Queens County Farm in New York. "So even just cutting down something like pumpkins could really help curb how many garbage bags you're putting out every week." Before composting, remove any

candles, plastic, glitter, or other decorations — they can contaminate the compost. A little glitter or paint won't ruin the pile, but it's best to get it as clean as possible before tossing it in. Then, chop up the pumpkin in 1-inch (2.5-centimeter) pieces so it can break down easier. "Pumpkins are full of water, so it's important to maintain a good balance of dried leaves, wood chips, sawdust, shredded newspaper, cardboard, straw — anything that's a dry organic material — in your compost bin," Sclafani said. If you don't maintain this balance, your compost might start to stink. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, a healthy compost pile should include a mix of "greens" — like pumpkin scraps and food waste — and "browns" like dry leaves, straw or cardboard, in roughly a three-to-one ratio. That balance helps the pile break down faster and prevents odors. And if your pumpkin's been sitting on the porch all month? That's actually ideal. "It's never too far gone for compost," Sclafani said.

"Even if it's mushy or moldy, that actually helps, because the fungus speeds up decomposition." "Composting anything organic is better than throwing it out because you're not creating more refuse in landfills, you're not creating methane gas," said Laura Graney, the farm's education director. Graney said autumn on the farm is the perfect opportunity to teach kids about composting since it gives them a sense of power in the face of big environmental challenges. "Even though they're little, composting helps them feel like they can make a difference," Graney said. "They take that message home to their families, and that's how we spread the word." The Associated Press' climate and environmental coverage receives financial support from multiple private foundations. AP is solely responsible for all content. Find AP's standards for working with philanthropies, a list of supporters and funded coverage areas at AP.org.

REDRAW

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backfire politically. Republicans who vote against redistricting could be forced out of office if their colleagues back primary opponents as punishment for not towing the party line. Braun's move to call a special session could force lawmakers who haven't commented publicly to take a stance. Indiana's Republican

legislative leaders praised existing boundaries after adopting them four years ago. "I believe these maps reflect feedback from the public and will serve Hoosiers well for the next decade," Bray said at the time. Indiana Senate Democratic Leader Shelli Yoder decried the special session and threatened legal action over any maps passed by the Legislature. "This is not democracy. This is desperation," she said in a statement.

REDISTRICTING BALLOONS

Democrats only need to gain three seats to flip control of the U.S. House, and redistricting fights have erupted in multiple states. Some Democratic states have moved to counter Republican gains with new legislative maps. The latest, Virginia, is expected to take up the issue in a special session starting this week. Republicans outnumber Democrats in Indiana's congressional delegation 7-2, limiting

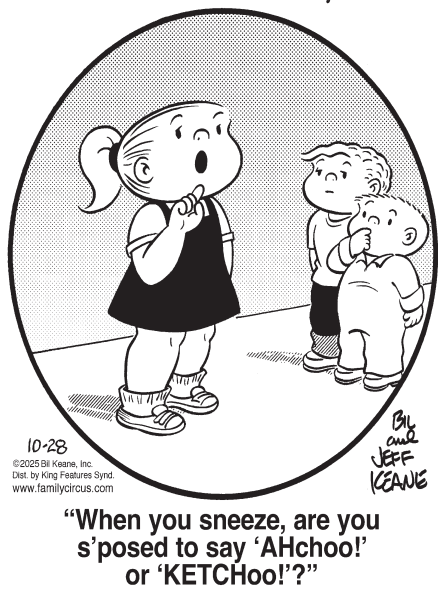
possibilities of squeezing out another seat. But many in the party see it as a chance for the GOP to represent all nine seats. The GOP would likely target Indiana's 1st Congressional District, a longtime Democratic stronghold that encompasses Gary and other cities near Chicago in the state's northwest corner. The seat held by third-term Democratic U.S. Rep. Frank Mrvan has been seen by Republicans as a possible pickup in recent elections. Lawmakers in Indiana

redrew the borders of the district to be slightly more favorable toward Republicans in the 2022 election, but did not entirely split it up. The new maps were not challenged in court after they were approved in 2021, not even by Democrats and allies who had opposed the changes boosting GOP standing in the suburbs north of Indianapolis. Mrvan still won reelection in 2022 and easily retained his seat in 2024. "I believe that representation should be earned

through ideas and service, not political manipulation," Mrvan said in a statement Monday. Republicans could also zero in on Indiana's 7th Congressional District, composed entirely of Marion County and the Democratic stronghold of Indianapolis. But that option would be more controversial, potentially slicing up the state's largest city and diluting Black voters' influence.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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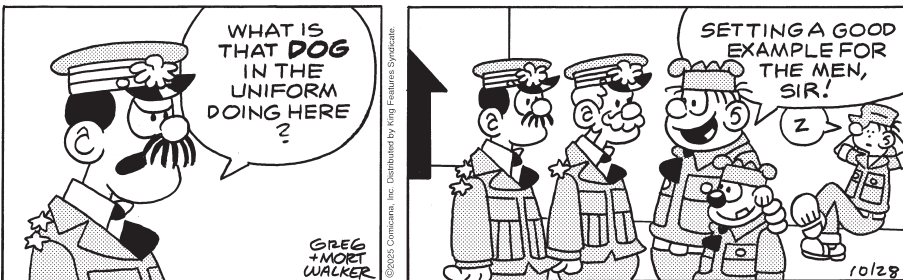
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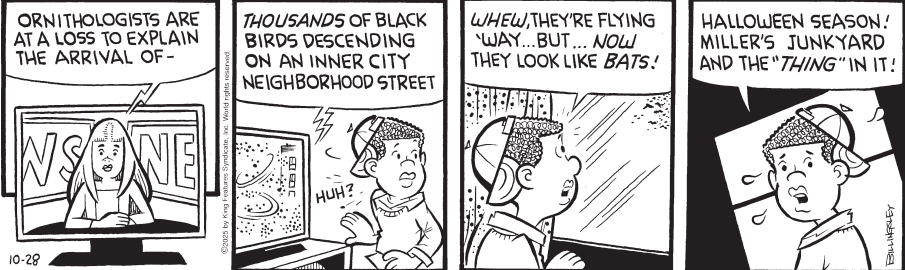
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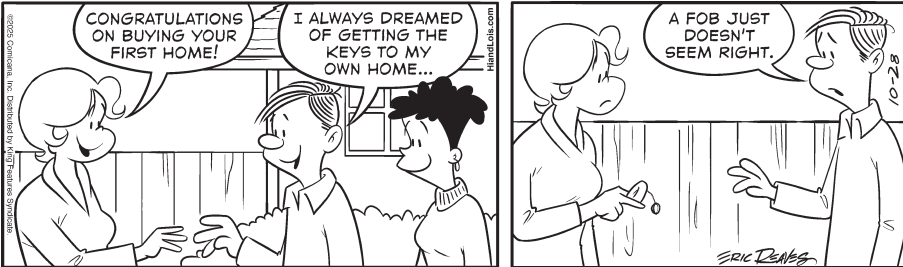
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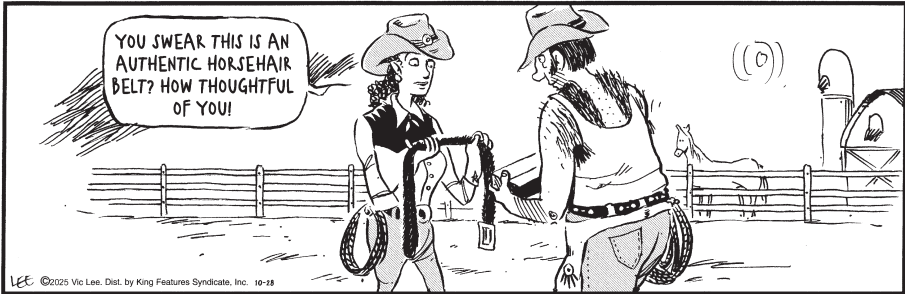
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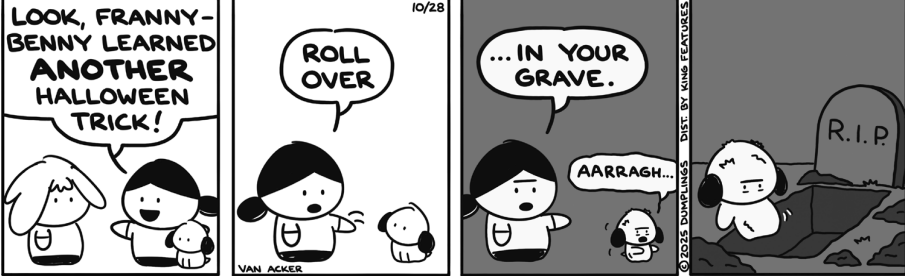
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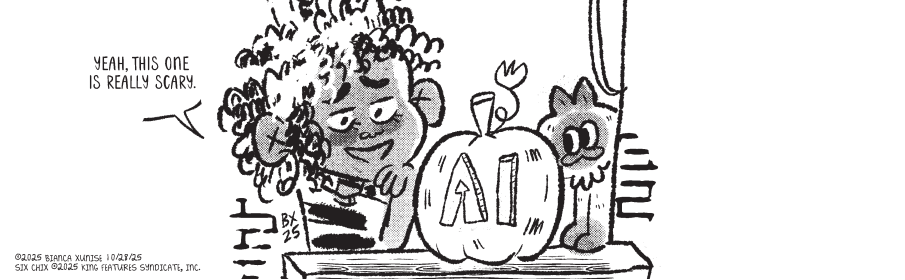
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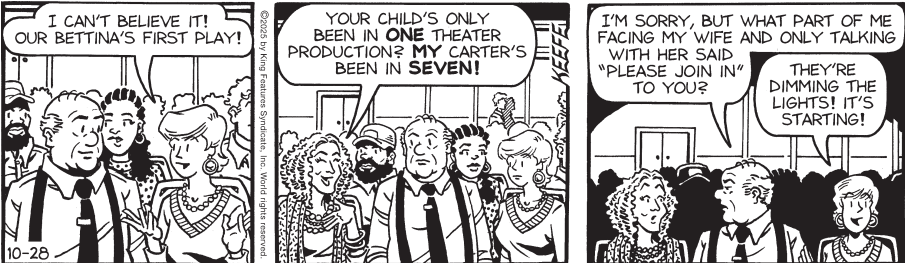
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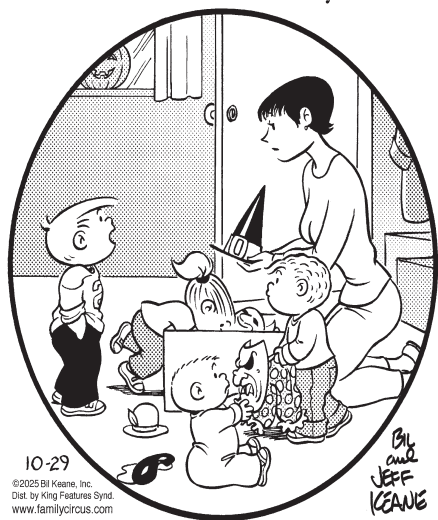


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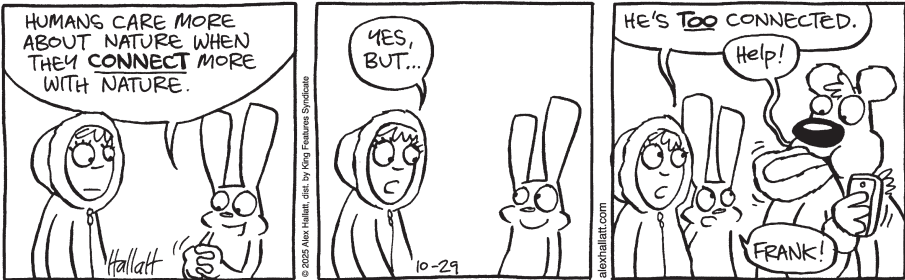


"Instead of dressing up, couldn't I go as a civilian?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



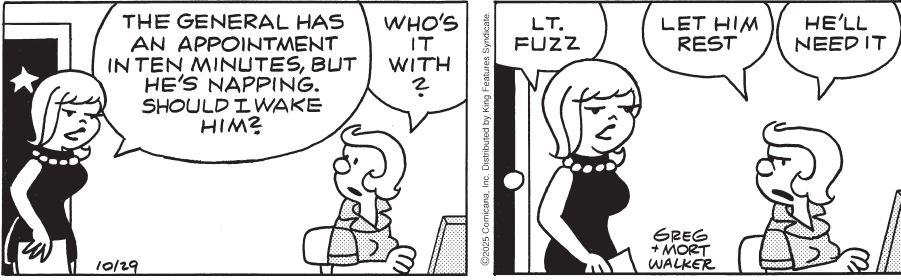
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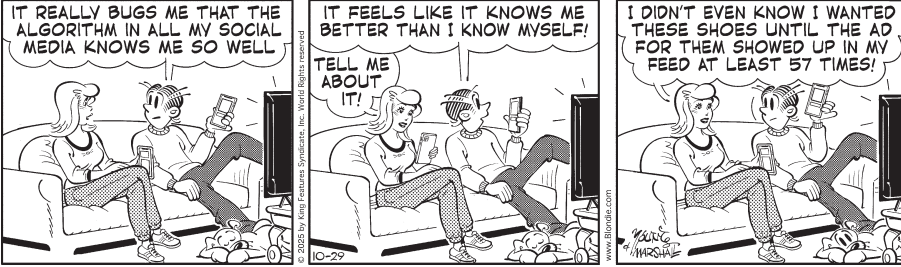
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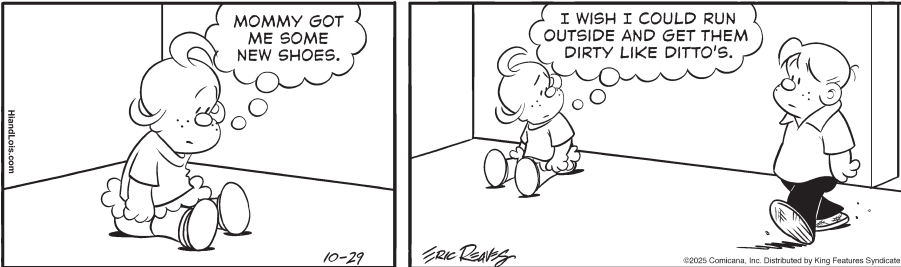
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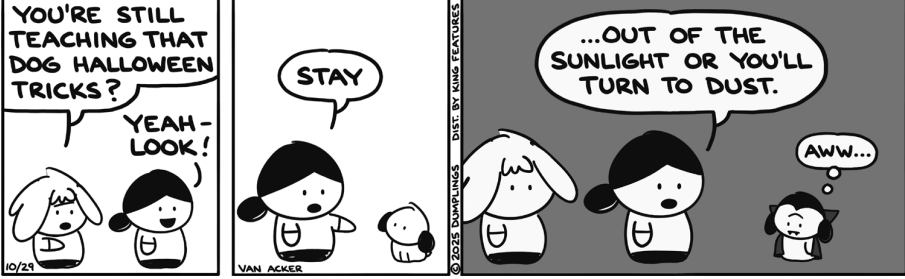
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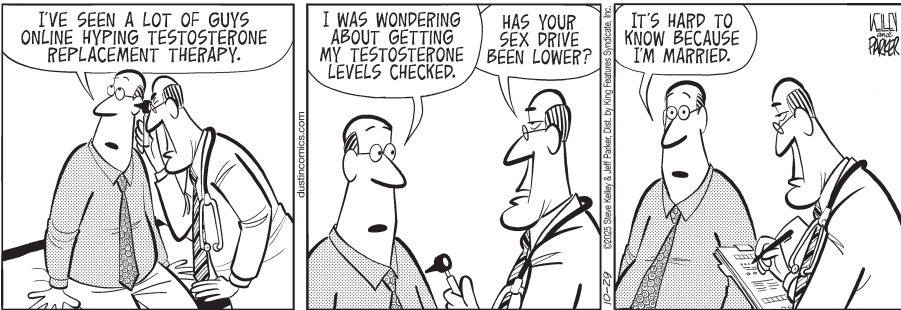
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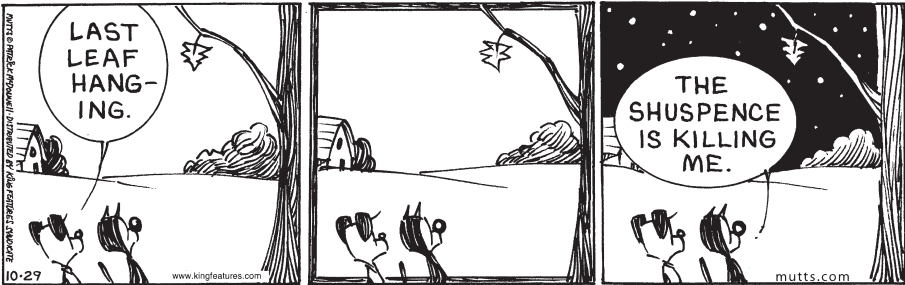
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Handout
Mayor Bob Courtney after being recognized at last week's a 2025 Accelerate Indiana Municipalities Ideas Summit.

Mayor Courtney receives AIM Leadership Executive award

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Mayor Bob Courtney was awarded the Indiana City Leadership Executive designation at last week's 2025 AIM Ideas Summit.

The award is the highest honor presented through the Mayors Institute, a partnership between Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM) and the Indiana Communities Institute at Ball State University.

The recognition celebrates Indiana mayors who demonstrate exceptional dedication to advancing leadership, innovation, and community development through continued participation in the Mayors Institute program.

To achieve the Executive designation, Courtney completed six additional Mayors Institute programs beyond his Gold-level certification and delivered multiple substantive presentations on key municipal leadership topics, both at the state and local levels. This honor follows his prior achievement as an Indiana City Leadership Ambassador, which recognized his attendance at 10 Mayors Institute sessions and contributions to statewide collaboration among city leaders.

"Leadership is about learning, listening, and finding new ways to make a positive impact in our communities," said Courtney. "It is a privilege to represent Madison among Indiana's most dedicated and innovative cities, and I am grateful for the opportunity to exchange ideas with fellow mayors who share that commitment."

AIM CEO Matt Greller said, "Mayor Courtney's commitment to Madison has impressed me from his early days in office. Not only due to his willingness to make tough decisions in the best interest of the community, but also his drive to learn new skills and best practices and connect with mayors around the state through diverse learning opportunities. Mayor Courtney's Mayors Institute participation has expanded over the course of his term to a presenter role on occasion, demonstrating a willingness to share his experience with his peers."

The Mayors Institute provides ongoing education, policy insight, and networking opportunities for mayors across Indiana, strengthening municipal leadership and fostering collaboration on issues that shape local communities.

Madison Library to showcase 15 local authors Saturday

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Fifteen local authors will join publishing editor Ericka McIntyre at an Author Fair hosted by the Jefferson County Public Library Saturday, Nov. 1, from 1-3 p.m. in the library auditorium.

"We are thrilled to host the first JCPL Author Fair. To celebrate so many talented and diligent authors is an honor, especially on National Writers Day," said Jefferson County Library Director Judi Terpening. "We are pleased to support our authors' efforts, and share their work with Madison and the Jefferson County community."

The free event, which is open to the public, will showcase authors who write for all ages and across a variety of genres. Many authors will speak about their works and process, and will have books available for purchase and signing.

McIntyre will welcome authors and guests at 1:10 p.m. Authors will give brief presentations of their work between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Authors participating in the fair include: Colton Auxier, Adult Fiction (Hanover); Dominique Battles, Literature & Cooking (Hanover); Susie Crain, Poetry & Adult Fiction (Madison); Melody R. Fields, Inspiration

(Osgood); David Kummer, Adult Fiction (New Albany); Saul Lemerond, Short Story (Madison); P. David Manns, Children (Madison); Lisa Griffin Moore, Children (Bedford, Kentucky); Ruth Nalio, Adult Fantasy & Romance (Madison); Ben Newell, Spiritual History (Madison); Ashley Perrotta, Fantasy & Romance (Madison); Nan Reinhardt, Romance (Indianapolis); David G. Rettig, Higher Education Administration (Milton, Kentucky); Kamra Smith, Inspirational Self-Help (Madison); and Joanne Spiller, Art & Design (Madison).

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Local contractors B&R Construction and ETC Electric were hired to do the work.

"This is a true manifestation of what can happen when you have a vision and you bring it to life, and that's the exact energy we want to put towards the county," said Anim. "When we say that we can be the healthiest place in the world, it is possible. We want to show its potential and if we all work together as we did with this space, we can do that together, so let's go at it."

RECORDS

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felony, to 1,847 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 1,340 days served and 507 days suspended to supervised probation.

Burnnard Nelson Murray, Madison, for Non-Support of a Dependent Child, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 900 days at Indiana Department of Correction with 270 days to be executed, credit for 202 days jail served and 630 days suspended to probation. Ordered to pay no less than

\$250 per month towards child support arrearage plus \$489 in fees and court costs and \$1,856.54 in extradition fees.

Oct. 24, 2025
Rafael Gonzalez, 18, Madison, to an amended charge of Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended except for 180 days, with credit for 20 days jail served, and balance suspended to 365 days supervised probation consecutive to separate guilty pleas for an amended charge of Assisting a Criminal, a Level 6 felony; sentenced to 365 days at IDOC, fully executed,

served as a direct commitment with Community Corrections; and an amended charge of Disorderly Conduct, a Class B misdemeanor, sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation, plus fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS JEFFERSON COUNTY

Oct. 23, 2025
John David Wilson to Renfro Property Rentals LLC, 508 State Street, Madison. David M. Daghir and Sharon L. Daghir to Emily A. Thompson and Adam David Thompson, 337 Clifty Drive, Madison.

Oct. 24, 2025
Ralph E. Chatham and Travis Chatham to Tyler Simpson and Grace Pittman, approximately 15 acres at 11313 West Polk Road, Lexington.

Leroy Swanson to Christopher Bartels, approximately 43.8 acres at 1921 East State Road 250, Madison.

Michael Macrander, and Connie Macrander (deceased) to Michael Macrander, 2474 Forest Drive, Madison.

Bardi Builders LLC to Mario Luciana Alexandre Jr., 2013 Galway Trail South, Madison.

2026

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precincts that were at E.O. Muncie for the 2024 election. Candidates can begin filing for the 2026 election Wednesday, Jan. 7, with the filing deadline Friday, Feb. 6.

Among the local races on the ballot next year are County Clerk, County Auditor, County Assessor, County Prosecutor, Commissioner Upper District, County Council district seats, all Hanover Town Council seats and Hanover Clerk-

Treasurer, and all township trustees and advisory boards.

Next year will be the last election for Eblen who has been County Clerk since June of 2016. She was elected in Republican caucus to complete the term of Karen Mannix who resigned to become County Assessor. Eblen was elected in 2018 and reelected in 2022, and term limits prevent her from seeking the office again.

Eblen, who was the lead on the 2024 election, said she will be turning that over to Clerk's office deputy Kari Munier for the 2026 election. "This is my last year and somebody has got to know

how to take over" knowing what needs to be done in managing an election. "I will be kind of behind the scenes."

Eblen said Munier is a person who won't be seeking elective office, noting she can't

have someone in that role who is on the ballot. "I need somebody to come in and learn how to do the election" who will still be working in the Clerk's office after Eblen leaves office at the end of 2026.



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Sports

FOOTBALL SECTIONAL

McCarty, Copeland lead sectional win

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Matt McCarty and Bryson Copeland spent the entire first half trying to get on the same page and once they did, it proved to be a devastating combination for Madison.

Quarterback McCarty hit receiver Copeland on two long touchdown passes in the second half to lead Madison to a 47-14 win over Owen Valley in the opening round of the Class 3A Football Sectional Tournament at home on Friday.

The two Cubs connected on only one pass in the first half as Madison fell behind 14-0. But they didn't have such issues in the second half as the Cubs ripped off 47-straight points to claim the win and advance to the second round against Indian Creek.

"We've been waiting for that," Madison coach Charles Benintende said. "It's great when you set plays up and you know that you can come back to a play and it's going to be open, and we just need to catch the football. We dropped the first long chance that we had down here in the in the deep end, and then we knew we'd come back to him to get the confidence back up."

Owen Valley (2-8) scored on its first possession of the game when quarterback Parker Phillippe hit Camden Kay on a 28-yard strike midway through the first quarter.

The two teams traded turnovers



David Campbell

Madison's Izik Roberts (7) attempts to escape the hold of Owen Valley's Maxx Hamm (53) as he chases quarterback Parker Phillippe (2) during Friday's sectional game at Madison.

and punts throughout the rest of the first quarter and into the second before Owen scored on a 61-yard touchdown run by Jacob Heidrick to open up a 14-0 lead with 3:37 left in the half.

Madison (2-8) answered with its best drive of the game, a nine-play affair that was highlighted by a long pass from McCarty to Copeland to set up a 3-yard plunge by Joseph

Stanley to cut the lead to 14-7 with 52 seconds before the half.

The McCarty-Copeland combination began clicking in the second half. Madison scored on its first possession of the second half to tie the game at 14-14 when McCarty hit Copeland in stride for a 45-yard touchdown pass.

It was a near-repeat in the next drive when McCarty again hit a

streaking Copeland, this time for a 53-yard score, to give Madison the 21-14 lead midway through the third.

McCarty shared the love on the next drive, hitting a streaking Bridger Davis down the sideline for an 80-yard touchdown pass and a 27-14 lead.

"We knew that we would run some slant routes. And then instead of

Bridger Davis running the slant, we knew we can get him on the go route, and it was wide open for that one," Benintende said. "And then we came back down here, and we ran a post with a wheel off of it, and hit Kaden McKay for that. It's a good feeling."

Madison continued to pour it on late, scoring on a 52-yard touchdown run by Stanley and a 26-yard pass from McCarty to Kayden McKay. The Cubs then slammed the exclamation point on the win when Sylus Lock blocked a punt late and Eli Copeland ran it in 26 yards for the final score.

"Maybe this is the best we see from this team. But who knows?" Benintende said. "I keep telling them, all we need is a chip in the chair. And we got a chip for next week's table. I couldn't be more proud of the team on both sides of the ball. Our defense really came alive and limited him for everything and got after the quarterback, and then our offense just put it together."

Madison had its best offensive game of the season, collecting 397 yards of total offense, much of it through the air. McCarty missed eight of his first 11 throws and then caught fire, finishing 9-of-18 for 269 yards and four touchdowns. Bryson Copeland caught three passes for 126 yards and two touchdowns while

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VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL

Eastern ousts Rebels 3-0 at regional



David Campbell

Southwestern freshman Josie Hubbard (left) hugs senior Hillarie Buchanan as senior Rorie Scroggins cries after the Rebels lost in three sets to Eastern (Pekin) in the regional final at Charlestown on Saturday.

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

CHARLESTOWN — Southwestern's first trip to the volleyball regional in more than a decade didn't last long as the Rebels were ousted in three sets by Eastern (Pekin) on Saturday in Charlestown.

Southwestern had stunned South Ripley with a massive comeback to win its first sectional title since 2012 the week before, but it couldn't rediscover that magic against Eastern, falling 25-9, 25-4, 25-11.

"We definitely started nervous and couldn't really pull it together in that first set at all," Southwestern coach Chris Johnson said. "I don't know if the moment got too big for some of our players. I definitely saw some, I don't know, panic, in some of our player's eyes, but I just don't know."

Southwestern (21-13) started the match with a service ace by Jocelyn Johnson for a 1-0 lead and didn't have another highlight the rest of the match. The Rebels' strength — serve receive — failed at the wrong time as Eastern began ripping off long runs to take control early.

After giving up that first ace in the first set, Eastern knocked out an 8-0 run to take a dominating lead and never look back in a 25-9 win.

But it was the second set that was the most devastating. Eastern's Sidney Burton started off the set with a service ace and then another, and another — eventually collecting 10 while the Musketeers ripped off an 18-0 run that knocked the Rebels out cold.

Johnson, like his players, was stunned by the massive run fueled by Southwestern mistakes and Eastern hits.

"The energy level we had between sets one and two I felt like was the right thing — I felt like we had kind of gotten over it and rebounded. And then, I don't know we couldn't," Johnson said. "We couldn't get out of serve receive in that second set for whatever reason. I mean,

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David Campbell

Southwestern senior Jocelyn Johnson zeroes in on the ball during the Rebels' loss to Eastern (Pekin) in the regional final at Charlestown on Saturday.



Darron Cummings/AP photo

Indiana Pacers' Tyrese Haliburton watches from the bench during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Oklahoma City Thunder, Thursday, Oct. 23 in Indianapolis.

Haliburton, Pacers honor Nancy Leonard in emotional Finals rematch

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers rode an emotional roller coaster Thursday night.

They stood and applauded in tribute to the late Nancy Leonard, the organization's matriarch. They cherished the newest addition to the fieldhouse rafters, an Eastern Conference championship banner. The fans booed, naturally, as Oklahoma City's players were introduced and roared at the sight of the dapperly dressed two-time All-Star Tyrese Haliburton.

Yes, opening night had a little bit of everything in this NBA Finals rematch.

"I'm sure our fans will provide a great environment for this game," coach Rick Carlisle predicted before tipoff. "There are a lot of unknowns heading into this season without Tyrese, without T.J. (McConnell) to start the season. But we've got an eager group of competitive guys that I think are very much looking forward to competing in this game."

The Thunder hoisted their title banner and received their championship rings before Tuesday's 125-124 double-overtime victory over Houston at home.

This time, they hit the road for a contest that lived up to the expectations even if it was unusually ragged as the injured Haliburton

and McConnell watched from the front row.

Haliburton sported glasses, a pink sport button down sweater, a white dress shirt and a pink tie in his first regular-season game since being ruled out for the season with a torn Achilles tendon. McConnell won't play until November because of a hamstring injury and the Pacers lost their other starting guard, Andrew Nembhard, with a sore left shoulder in the first half. Nembhard did not return.

But even without Haliburton in uniform, the night started with a bang.

Instead of holding a pregame ceremony unfurling the banner, it was just there when fans entered the arena. And rather than holding a traditional moment of silence for Leonard, who helped save the franchise in 1977, the sellout crowd applauded as a video tribute played on the scoreboard before the national anthem. The 93-year-old Leonard died last month.

Just the thought of what she meant to the franchise rekindled some emotional thoughts from Carlisle, who laughingly recounted the story of how she and her husband, Hall of Fame coach Bobby "Slick" Leonard, once guilted Indiana's players and coaches into parasailing.

"Had it not been for her, the Pacers wouldn't be here in all likelihood," Carlisle said. "And if the Pacers had

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Switzerland storms back to beat Salem 41–33 in sectional thriller

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The Switzerland County Pacers showed every bit of their grit and heart Friday night, rallying from an early deficit to take down the Salem Lions 41–33 in a hard-fought first round sectional win that had fans on both sides of the bleachers on their feet until the final horn.

Salem jumped out quickly, taking a 14–6 lead after the first quarter and stretching it to 20–6 midway through the second. But just when it looked like all momentum was slipping away, the Pacers' big-play offense and steady leadership took over.

Senior running back Matthew Young was once again the spark that ignited the comeback, passing the 1,000-yard mark on the season while slicing through the Lions' defense for 191 rushing yards and two touchdowns on just 12 carries—including a 44-yard dash that put Switzerland County on top for good in the fourth quarter. Young also contributed through the air, hauling in a 78-yard reception to help set



Tammy Hayes

Switzerland County's Matthew Young (13) runs away from Salem defenders C.J. Ward (71) and Ethan Campbell during the Pacers' 41-33 win in the opening round of the Class 2A Sectional at home on Saturday.

up another score.

Quarterback Alex Bailey turned in a performance to remember, doing damage both through the air and on the ground. The senior completed five of 11 passes for 126 yards and

a touchdown, and added 131 yards rushing with three more scores, including a one-yard sneak that sealed the victory late in the fourth.

The Pacers' offense was firing on all cylinders, piling up 502 total

yards on the night — 376 on the ground and 126 through the air — while converting an impressive 83% of their third downs.

Receiver Masin Stroud caught a 22-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter and added another 34 receiving yards, while Lane Turner was perfect on five extra-point kicks.

On defense, Young and Josiah Holliday recorded seven and six tackles, respectively, and Grayson Levell came up big in the trenches with a sack and multiple tackles for loss.

Switzerland County's defense tightened as the game went on, blanking Salem in the fourth quarter after allowing 33 points through the first three. That final stand, combined with the Pacers' pounding ground game, proved to be the difference in a game that had playoff-level energy from start to finish.

The victory pushed the Pacers' record to 8-2 and, perhaps even more importantly, showed they are a resilient group that refuses to quit, no matter the score.

As the team celebrated with the

large student section in the end zone under the Friday night lights, fans and players alike could feel it: this was one of those wins that defines a season.

"We can be happy with the win tonight but not the route we took to get here," Switzerland coach Ryan Jesop said.

The Pacers will face a familiar foe in Clarksville (5-5) at home on Friday in the sectional semifinals. The Generals advanced 42-8 over Crawford County while unbeaten Brownstown Central (10-0) beat Tell City and Paoli (8-2) eliminated Eastern (Pekin).

In week two of the regular season, Switzerland County defeated the Generals 48-0, but the Pacers know it will take a focused effort to repeat that outcome.

"Clarksville will be hungry to avenge that earlier loss and our guys will need to put together four quarters of football to advance next Friday," Jesop said.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Panthers roll to dominating win over Manchester 76-7

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover football racked up more than 500 yards total offense and scored nearly at will in a 76-7 demolition of Manchester at home on Saturday.

The Panthers scored on their first eight possessions and led 56-0 at the half. Hanover's lead reached 63-0 before Manchester scored early in the third quarter. Hanover tacked on two final touchdowns and finished 11 points shy of the school record for points set in 1928.

Quarterback Eian Roudebush had a huge game, completing 20-of-24 passes for 380 yards and four touchdowns. Jack Pennington caught six passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns, Curbrian Shelby had 137 yards on seven catches and Clark Rexroat had 75 yards on five receptions. Don Dunning scored two touchdowns rushing while racking up 96 yards on the ground.

Madison's Clint Hearne had a busy game kicking, booting six extra points before leaving the game with an injury.

Hanover, now 5-2 overall, 4-0 Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, travels to Bluffton on Saturday in a game that will figure heavily in the conference championship.

Bluffton (5-2, 3-1 HCAC) and Mount St. Joseph (4-3, 3-1 HCAC) stand second in the league with two conference games to play but Hanover already has a win over Mount so a win at Bluffton would clinch the title.

MEN'S SOCCER ROLLS EARLHAM

Hanover men's soccer rolled to a 5-0 win at Earlham on Saturday.

Brandon Elizarraras and Miles McMillen both scored in the first half for the Panthers and Andrew Pavilisko, Omar Dizdar and David Snowden added goals in the second half. Matt Burchett had two assists and Gavin Yearwood had one.

Hanover, now 12-4-2 overall and 7-1 HCAC, wraps up the regular season on Wednesday at home against Anderson.



David Campbell

Hanover's Ashton Schuetter (32) and Colton Roth (52) team up to sack Manchester quarterback Kaleb Hall during the Panthers' 76-7 win at home on Saturday.

The HCAC Tournament begins next week.

VOLLEYBALL BEATS ROSE

Hanover volleyball traveled to Rose-Hulman on Saturday and came away with a 3-1 win, 25-16, 18-25, 26-24, 25-20.

Abbey McCoy had 16 kills to lead the Panthers, Kelsey Waggoner had 23 digs and two blocks and Megan Vogel had 21 assists.

Hanover, now 15-9 overall and 3-2 HCAC, travels to Transylvania on Wednesday and hosts Earlham on Saturday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER TIES EARLHAM

Hanover women's soccer finished in a 1-1 draw at Earlham on Saturday.

Hanover held a dominating 19-6 advantage in shots but needed a Lily Clark goal in the 80th minute to secure the draw. Anna Beth Hawkins had the assist.

Hanover, now 6-6-4 overall and 4-2-2 HCAC, travels to Anderson on Tuesday for its final game of the regular season. The HCAC Tournament begins next week.



David Campbell

Hanover's Jack Pennington (2) and Spencer Jones (28) celebrate after Pennington's touchdown catch in the Panthers' 76-7 win over Manchester on Saturday.

FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Carroll suffers loss at home to Lloyd

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County dropped a 42-6 loss at home to unbeaten Lloyd Memorial on Friday.

Carroll was held to just 165 total yards in the loss by the 9-0 Juggernauts. Hunter Angell had the bulk of those yards, collecting 113 on 14 rushing attempts with the lone touchdown. Angell also had six tackles.

Carroll, now 4-5 on the season, travels to Gallatin County (2-7) on Friday to

close out the regular season, The Panthers will then head to Russell (8-1) to open the Class 3A Playoffs on Friday, Nov. 7.

RAIDERS SHUT OUT BY BROSSART

Trimble County was on the wrong end of a 42-0 shutout by Bishop Brossart on Friday in Bedford.

Brossart out-gained the Raiders 423-127 and recovered a Trimble fumble. Quarterback Landon Spalding was 6-of-8 for 199 yards and two scores on

passes to Nicholas Cozzi and rushed for another score. Anthony Shuck rushed for two scores and Brady Boruske had one touchdown run.

No additional stats were available on Trimble.

Trimble, now 2-7 on the season, heads to Dayton, also 2-7, on Saturday for its regular-season finale. The Raiders will then face Newport Central Catholic (5-4) at Covington Catholic in the opening round of the Class 1A Playoffs on Thursday, Nov. 6.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, OCT. 28 SOCCER

Hanover women at Anderson, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29 SOCCER

Hanover men host Anderson, 3:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Hanover at Transylvania, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 30 BASKETBALL

Shawe girls host Edinburgh (scrimmage), 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31 FOOTBALL

Madison hosts Indian Creek, IHSAA Class 3A Sectional, 7 p.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts Clarksville, IHSAA Class 2A Sectional, 7 p.m.
Carroll Co. at Gallatin Co., 7:30 p.m.

Season ends for local cross country teams at regional

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The running season came to an end for all local cross country teams at arguably the toughest regional in the state on Saturday at Shelbyville.

Only the top five teams and top 15 runners from non-advancing teams qualify out of a regional that spans from the Ohio River to north of Indianapolis.

Madison's boys finished an impressive 13th out of 27 teams with 366 points while Southwestern's girls were 18th with 434 points, Madison's girls were 21st with 567 and Switzerland County's girls were 22nd with 616.

Madison's Sam Crouch was the highest local finisher, running 40th in the boys race in 16:18.8, just six slots away from advancing to regional. Eli Storm was 62nd for the Cubs in 16:36.6, Will Laufer was 73rd in 16:50.7, Paxton Garrett was 106th in 17:18.5, Kruz Konkle was 166th in 18:10.5, Gabe Pattison was 177th in 18:25.3 and Owen Murphy was 239th in 20:55.3.

Southwestern's girls were led by Savannah Nussbaum, who was 59th in 19:52.4, Tori Gammons was 79th in 20:15.9, Mikayla Nussbaum was 110th in 20:56.2, Sophie Ford was 143rd in 21:35.2, Chloe Sprayberry was 149th in 21:41.5, Kaylynn Warren was 189th in 22:52.0 and Riley Zellers was 197th in 23:09.4.

Madison's Lealynn Krulik was the top local girls runner, finishing 56th in 19:48.0. Haley Ferguson was 115th in 20:59.9, AnnaBelle Laufer was 162nd in 22:00.3, Carolyn Mahoney was 207th in 23:27.4, Scout Porter was 211th in 23:43.3, Lydia Horvath was 216th in 23:53.1 and Reagan Wynn was 217th in 23:54.6.

Claire Boggs led Switzerland's girls with a 114th-place finish in 20:59.9, Kaylynn Schaefer was 135th in 21:24.6, Taylor Kappes was 138th in 21:26.7, Jazmyn Blevins was 192nd in 22:58.2 and Miley Stroud was 242nd in 30:14.0.

Shawe's Cavaan Hambrick was 171st in the boys race with a time of 18:17.6 and Cohenn Hambrick was 205th in 18:58.9. Switzerland County's Landon Gross was 188th in the boys race in 18:39.7, Cale Collier was 230th in 19:57.4 and Gavin Rich was 233rd in 20:04.8.

Noblesville scored 63 points to win the boys race with Center Grove placing second with 88 and Fishers third with 129. Noblesville's Banner Barnes was the top boys individual with a time of 15:30.0.

Westfield won the girls title with 75 points and Fishers was second with 105. Indian Creek's Libby Dowty was the top girls individual with a time of 17:15.1.

REBELS

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(Eastern) is good and I think their strength is their hitters. But that's not what beat us. What beat us was we couldn't get the ball out of serve receive and into our offense, and that was disappointing, because I feel like that's been a strength of ours."

Southwestern never recovered

in the second set and ended up losing 25-4. The Rebels did put up a fight in the third, tying the set 7-7 at one point with the serve. But Eastern closed out the set on a 18-2 run to claim the regional title.

For Johnson, the most disappointing thing was to see his seniors go out the way they did. The group of six have played a huge role in the Rebels' return to the regional and the coach was hoping for a strong finish.

"Our six seniors have led the way this whole season and I felt like they did that again tonight," Johnson said. "I think they did their best to try to end their careers in a positive way."

"It was definitely a season of self discovery, where I felt like we were kind of battling ourselves, trying to figure out who we are. And I think here at the end of the year, I think we kind of figured that out," Johnson added. "We're a serve, receive, defensive team

that's got some good, smart hitters. So when we can get the ball into the setters box and run our offense and our hitters know where to put it, we're a pretty effective team. We just never could get there tonight."

Rorie Scroggins had five kills for the Rebels, Kaylee Hite had 12 digs, Hadlie Buchanan had seven digs and three kills, Jenna Owens had six digs and two kills and Hillarie Buchanan had nine assists and nine digs.

Addison Smith had 10 kills and 16 assists for Eastern, Avery Smith had nine kills and seven digs, Sidney Burton had 10 aces and seven digs, Emma Brawner had four blocks, Allie Johanningsmeier had eight digs, Ashton Johanningsmeier had seven digs.

Eastern, now 30-5, will play Triton Central (24-8) in the semistate at Bedford North Lawrence on Saturday. Triton beat Northeastern 3-0 (25-18, 25-10, 25-18) in their regional.

Fisher, Mendoza brothers lead No. 2 Indiana past UCLA 56-6

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Aiden Fisher intercepted the first pass of the game and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown and the Mendoza brothers — Fernando and Alberto — each ran for scores as No. 2 Indiana routed UCLA 56-6 on Saturday. The Hoosiers (8-0, 5-0 Big Ten) extended their school-record home winning streak to 14, protected the highest ranking in school history for the second straight week and now open a second straight November with a perfect record.

Fernando Mendoza was 15 of 22 for 168 yards, three TDs and one interception before leaving late in the third quarter, getting serenaded again with chants of "Heismendoza" from the student section.

"It was on a big platform against a team that was hot, and we wanted to be physical and dominate the line of scrimmage, and I thought we did that early in the game," said Indiana coach Curt Cignetti, who still hasn't lost a home game. "Fisher made a huge play early in the game."

Roman Hemby finished with 17 carries, 81 yards and two scores while Kaelon Black rushed 10 times for 70 yards. E.J. Williams Jr. had five catches for 109 yards and two scores and Indiana outgained UCLA 475-201 in total yards.

The Bruins (3-5, 3-2) saw their three-game winning streak snapped as Nico Iamaleava went 13 of 27 for 113 yards and two interceptions. He ran seven times for 28 yards.

UCLA never recovered from its poor start.

"We always preach starting fast and we didn't do that there and playing against a team like that, that plays well in all three phases, you're going to have start fast," UCLA coach Tim Skipper said. "And when they create a turnover that creates points, that's hard to overcome. It kind of shell-shocked us and took us a while to get going."

After Fisher's interception 57 seconds into the game, the Hoosiers pulled away on Hemby's 1-yard TD run late in the first quarter and a second-quarter flurry that began with Elijah Sarra's 1-yard TD catch, continued with Hemby's 13-yard run and ended with Williams' 2-yard catch to make it 35-3. Indiana sealed it with Fernando



Darron Cummings/AP photo

Indiana quarterback Fernando Mendoza (15) runs past UCLA defensive lineman Jacob Busic (97) during the first half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Oct. 25 in Bloomington, Ind.

Mendoza's nifty 20-yard scoring run, Williams' 62-yard catch and Alberto Mendoza's 4-yard run early in the fourth.

THE TAKEAWAY

UCLA: The Bruins had looked much better under Skipper, who took over from the fired DeShaun Foster. But their three wins came against opponents that were a combined 1-11 in conference play. They were overwhelmed Saturday. Now they have two weeks to figure out what went wrong.

Indiana: The Hoosiers are rolling. While they weren't perfect Saturday — Fernando Mendoza threw a rare interception — there's little to quibble with. They took control early and never let it go.

INJURY UPDATE

Fisher made the big early play and returned for UCLA's next series before leaving with an injured knee. He later wore a protective brace on the Indiana sideline.

"We took him out, kind of precautionary," Cignetti said after the game. "We'll do the X-rays, the MRIs, and see what those say."

All-conference defensive end Mikail Kamara also left briefly in the first half with what appeared to be a shoulder or arm injury, but he did return.

UP NEXT

UCLA: Hosts Nebraska on Nov. 8 after next week's bye.

Indiana: Heads to Maryland next Saturday.

Taylor scores 3 TDs as Colts pound Titans 38-14 and move to NFL-best 7-1

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Jonathan Taylor embraced having a lighter workload and a shorter day Sunday.

The Indianapolis Colts still got the same result.

Taylor scored three more touchdowns, needing only 12 carries to rush for 153 yards and Daniel Jones threw three TD passes before giving way to the backups as the Colts posted their second rout of Tennessee this season, 38-14, to move to an NFL-best 7-1.

"He's really, really good," Jones said, referring to Taylor. "It seems like he makes long run after long run. He didn't have as many plays today as he's had throughout the season, but he's really big in those situations. When the ball is in his hands, he makes something happen."

Nobody knows that better than the Titans (1-7), who saw Taylor become the first player in league history to score three times in three straight games against the same team. Taylor ran for three scores against Tennessee in September; he did the same last December in the teams' second meeting of 2024.

This time, he scored on runs of 18 and 80 yards before Jones flipped the ball to him in the backfield for a 19-yard score that officially went down as a TD reception. Indy has won four straight while scoring at least 31 points in each — thanks in large part to Taylor.

"It's hard to put into words, to be honest, because when you see the way he's running, the way guys are blocking for him, it's special," coach Shane Steichen said. "He's running hard, running physical and even when things aren't clean in there, he's finding ways to get 3, 4 yards. When he hit that 80-yard touchdown run down the sideline and stayed in bounds, that's as impressive as it gets."

Taylor is opening things up for his teammates. Jones was 21 of 29 with 272 yards despite being sacked a season-high three times. Michael Pittman Jr., drafted seven spots ahead of Taylor in 2020, had eight catches for 95 yards and a matched a career high with his sixth TD reception this season.

The Titans have lost three straight, including both games since coach Brian Callahan was fired and Mike McCoy took over on an interim basis, and six of their seven losses have come by double digits. Indy swept the season series with victory margins of 21 and 24 points.

Tennessee rookie Cam Ward was 22 of 38 for 259 yards with one TD and one interception. Tyjae Spears rushed nine times for 59 yards and a score.

That wasn't nearly enough against the league's highest-scoring team.

"It stinks, losing," McCoy said. "It's frustrating for everybody when you're not

winning football games. We've got to find a way to win one of these football games. Each week it's tougher to swallow the pill."

After the Colts settled for a field goal on their opening possession, Taylor's 18-yard TD run on the next series made it 10-0.

Tennessee answered with Ward's 1-yard TD pass to Gunnar Helm.

Pittman made two highlight-worthy catches on Indy's next series — first a tip to himself between three defenders, then a left-handed grab at the goal line despite drawing an interference penalty for a 21-yard TD catch and a 17-7 lead.

Taylor broke it open with his 80-yard TD run on Indy's first play of the second half and capped it off with the 19-yard TD catch early in the fourth.

"It's rare," Steichen said. "I've seen it since I've been here, but it's just on another level this year. ... He's rolling."

INJURIES

Titans: Tennessee played without three defensive starters, including DT Jeffery Simmons, and then lost linebacker Ali Gaye to a knee injury in the first quarter and starting safety Xavier Woods to a hamstring injury in the second half.

Colts: Defensive ends Samson Ebukam (knee) and Tyquan Lewis (groin) were inactive after suffering injuries last week, and receiver/kick returner Anthony Gould left late in the game with a knee injury.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Titans: Dre'mont Jones' sack with less than a minute to play in the first half marked his third straight game with a sack. ... Spears' 41-yard rush to set up the Titans first TD was Tennessee's longest run since Derrick Henry departed following the 2023 season. ... Johnny Hekker booted his 1,000th career punt during the third quarter.

Colts: In the second quarter, Jones was sacked on third-and-10, the first time he'd gone down on a third down all season. ... Rigoberto Sanchez matched his season high by punting four times. He still has the lowest punt total in the league at 16.

INDIANA JONES

During home games, Indy plays a lookalike game on its video boards, though none has been quite like this one. On Sunday, the Colts put up an image of movie character Indiana Jones before the camera panned down to the huddle and found Indy's quarterback, who's been given the nickname "Indiana Jones" this season. The loud roar appeared to get Jones' attention, though he didn't address it in his postgame comments.

UP NEXT

Titans: Host the Los Angeles Chargers next Sunday before having their bye week.

Colts: Visit Pittsburgh next Sunday.

Bengals coach Taylor criticizes defense after poor showing vs. Jets

BY JEFF WALLNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Bengals coach Zac Taylor called out his defense Sunday after another miserable performance.

The Bengals allowed a whopping 254 yards rushing and 502 yards overall in a 39-38 loss to the New York Jets. They had a 14-point lead in the fourth quarter — and couldn't close it out.

It was New York's first win in eight games this season. The Jets managed a total of 17 points and 302 yards in the previous two games combined.

"I think someone needs to step up and lead the group," Taylor said of his defense. "That's what I'm waiting to see. Someone step up and lead the group and take some accountability over there, and get this thing going the right way."

Cincinnati (3-5) has allowed at least 27 points in seven of its eight games. It was the first time New York surpassed 500 yards of total offense since a 34-31 win over the Bengals on Oct. 31, 2021.

"We have to finish the game up," cornerback DJ Turner II said. "We just have to finish better."

Even with the defensive issues, the Bengals were in position to return to .500 going into the weekend. Joe Flacco passed for 342 yards and three touchdowns in an encouraging 33-31 win over Pittsburgh in the team's previous game on Oct. 16.

Flacco had another solid performance against New York, passing for 223 yards and two TDs. The 40-year-old quarterback also had a 1-yard TD run, but he couldn't make up for the team's sputtering defense this time around.

The Bengals carried a 31-16 lead into the final period. It was the largest blown lead after three quarters in franchise history.

"We can't give up big plays at the end



Jeff Dean/AP photo

Cincinnati Bengals head coach Zac Taylor answers questions after an NFL football game against the New York Jets, Sunday, Oct. 26 in Cincinnati.

of the game," safety Geno Stone said. "It's a collective effort. I feel like everyone has to step up."

The Bengals were hurt by the absence of All-Pro defensive end Trey Hendrickson, who aggravated his right hip injury. They finished with no sacks and just one quarterback hit.

"We need somebody to step up and win some one-on-ones," Taylor said.

The Jets took the lead on running back Breece Hall's TD pass to tight end Mason Taylor with 1:54 left. Hall finished with 133 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

"It was right there for us to grab and create some momentum for ourselves, and we missed that opportunity," Taylor said. "You've got to credit the Jets. We never delivered the knockout blow and they just kept hanging in there."

CUBS

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Stanley rushed for 80 yards on 12 carries.

Owen Valley finished with 213 total yards. Phillippe was 11-for-21 passing for 144 yards and Kay caught five passes for 91 yards.

Heidrick had 101 yards rushing on 22 attempts, but the Patriots had only 69 yards rushing as a team.

Madison will now host Indian Creek (6-3) in the sectional semifinals on Friday and Benintende is ready to get to it. The Braves had a bye this week. In other Sectional 31 games, North Harrison (4-6) beat

Corydon 35-14 and Scottsburg (8-2) beat Edgewood 31-7.

"I'm so happy for these kids. I don't know how far we're going to go. Indian Creek's a very tough football team, well-coached, and they're supposed to win our sectional but, you know, it's fun right now," Benintende said.

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HOROSCOPE

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Over-emotion in the workplace isn't likely to fly well, keep what's personal, personal. By tomorrow both the feelings and the vibe in the day should improve. Don't let a misperception undermine your confidence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be having feelings or questions about your broader role in the world. Both your skillset and experiences have been forged just for your purpose and destiny, even if only a one step of the path is revealed at one time. Trust the process.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The solution to people being people is to let them. Even when you see better choices, better options. Let them be them, let them do them, and you free yourself. Seek a new perspective for sharing space or other resources.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A brief revisit of an old anxiety isn't a backslide, it can show you how far you've come — growth is a spiral, not a straight line. Doubt of a partner or partnership could be based on wrong assumptions, wait until tomorrow to try to clarify.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Got enough? Share. True generosity of spirit is ennobling, and you have many talents you could offer. Minds may be more open than in the last week or so. A random impulse move could bring the wrong type of public visibility.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) New doors opening shouldn't be seen as disruption, it's the natural evolution of a process you've been in, and continue in, for a long time. Self-expression through creativity is a human need, try for a little today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A financial bottleneck could be ongoing; avenues of resolution may seem slow to arrive. The Universe always has a plan, things that appear to be problems are often really redirects. Life gets easier when you surrender to your destiny.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are able to touch hearts and minds when you express your deepest truths to your deepest people. Since today is a negative day in the Universal sky, tomorrow could make for more effective messaging.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Something in your living space could be dragging you down: Routines, people, diet, environmental. Consider if changes can be made but wait at least until tomorrow before switching anything up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be the whole package and humble too. Truly. Friend relationships in general may have been and could continue to be more challenging than usual. A partner, pet or housemate could offer comfort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) It's normal to have some self-doubt, it's healthy to hold yourself accountable. The trick is solid self-love while embracing not only your light, but also your shadow. It's OK to be a work in progress, everyone is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Combine presence with detachment — keep eyes wide open, but judgments tiny. The Universe works in mysterious ways. Instead of reacting to each movement, watch and see how the purposes are unfolding.

Sudoku solution

8	6	4	8	9	2	7	1	5
5	8	1	7	6	8	9	2	4
2	7	9	5	1	4	8	6	3
8	9	2	4	7	5	1	8	6
1	5	6	9	8	3	2	4	7
7	4	8	6	2	1	8	9	5
4	1	5	2	8	9	6	7	8
9	8	7	1	5	6	4	3	2
6	2	3	8	4	7	5	1	9

Jumble solution

IRONY EVENT FORMAL LETTER
— TOO LEAN-IENT

Sleuth solution

Diagram showing the solution to the Word Sleuth puzzle, with letters arranged in a grid and some letters circled to form words.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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WORD SLEUTH • FOOD INGREDIENTS

Diagram showing the solution to the Word Sleuth puzzle, with letters arranged in a grid and some letters circled to form words.

Monday's unlisted clue: DEER
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: HIGH FRUCTOSE — SYRUP
Aspartame Fructose Neotame Sorbitol
BHA Glucose Niacin Soy protein
BHT Guar gum Pectin Whey
Citric acid Lactic acid Rennet

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

Diagram showing the solution to the Sheffer Crossword puzzle, with letters arranged in a grid and some letters circled to form words.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even a tiny breach could feel like disloyalty — guard confidences you hold well, don't spill tea in the wrong circles. Differences can feel important but ultimately most people share basic needs and desires. Seek out commonalities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone you thought was an ally may prove to be different. Who they are is who they are, nothing to do with who you are. Don't let someone else's poor choice cast shade on your self-esteem or self-respect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A guru, mentor, or teacher is still only human, set realistic expectations and sift knowledge for treasures which truly resonate. You might rebel against too many tasks now, believing in their value could help motivation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might need to let some dust settle before taking on a financial tangle. Too many human emotions could be caught up in the situation to allow for logical resolution. Keep your energy level up and wait for the right moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone's display of confidence could read like imposter syndrome to a careful observer. Share confidential strategies with care, someone might out your plans prematurely. A friend may be going through interesting changes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone who only shows up for the photo op isn't missed by the people putting in the real time to make positive change. Every person who dares makes it just a little safer for the next visionary. A friend could give just what you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Is it a tight plan or is there something that's been missed or misunderstood? Check it out. An old belief around money/prosperity/scarcity could still be driving some of your mindset or choices. Check that out too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Clarify what's real before you make any plans or changes on the domestic front, something could be off in your assessments. Dealing with kindred souls is always easier than when people's energies are misaligned.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Get all the details before you speak out, strong feelings or just inadequate intel could cloud your message or your logic. Playing the rescuer is a game that seldom rewards and often destroys. Stay on point in your own life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A nuanced perception could refine a financial situation, note down any insights which arise. Solidify your position, minimize risk for now — too many may have fingers in a money pot

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Agreement with those in charge might be less of a thing than recently and rebellion might not feel as critical to your mental well-being. Plans may need to flex as situations emerge, don't get emotionally attached to any particular strategy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Someone could somehow expose something that was a private plan or idea. Tell them so you don't let it fester. Keeping your mind and heart clear plays a big part in enjoying vibrant health and energy, everything connects.

Sudoku solution

8	9	7	6	9	2	7	1	8
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9	2	1	8	7	4	6	5	3
7	8	6	9	2	4	1	5	3
4	1	9	8	7	6	2	4	5
5	6	2	1	5	8	9	7	3
1	9	6	7	8	5	9	2	4
2	4	7	5	6	1	8	9	3
8	5	3	2	4	9	6	1	7

Jumble solution

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— TAKEN ABACK
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WORD SLEUTH • DON'T FENCE ME IN

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Tuesday's unlisted clue: CORN
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: VERTICAL SLATS

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 9 UK plays strong in beating No. 1 Purdue

BY COLE PARKE
THE CATS' PAUSE

LEXINGTON — No. 9 Kentucky men's basketball pulled off a stunning victory, 78-65 against No. 1 Purdue inside Rupp Arena on Friday. The game was a highly anticipated exhibition matchup for the Wildcats in front of a huge crowd.

"We have a long way to go, we have so much work to do, but in terms of one night, for these guys to actually be in this for each other, that's going to be the key to this team," Kentucky coach Mark Pope said.

The game marked the first inter-squad exhibition for the Wildcats ahead of the 2025-26 season. The Cats were without two projected starters, Jayden Quaintance and Jaland Lowe,

for the game.

"I actually didn't think we played as hard consistently as we can," Pope said. "We didn't play as hard as we're gonna have to play to win consistently."

Kentucky took the lead early in the contest and never looked back, leading the Boilermakers for 37:20 when it was all said and done.

Pope used 10 different Wildcats in the contest with Jasper Johnson, Trent Noah and Otega Oweh reaching double figures by the end of the night.

Things remained close for much of the first half, with UK going into the break leading 38-30, but in the second half Kentucky powered ahead by double digits and, apart from a few Purdue runs, kept it that way.

With nearly five minutes

remaining, the lead climbed to 14 and the Wildcats were able to keep that pace to the finish line. Purdue had lengthy scoring droughts and were woeful shooting. The Boilermakers finished the night shooting 39% from the field, but shot just 10% from beyond the arch in the second half.

On the other hand, a 3-point frenzy by Kentucky with just over three minutes to go increased that lead to 17.

On top of strong play from the starters, Kentucky also found a lot of success with its bench with highlight moments coming from the likes of Malachi

Moreno, Collin Chandler, Johnson and more.

Both Moreno and Chandler sent the home fans into frenzies with thunderous one-handed dunks while Johnson shot the lights out, finishing with three

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CAUSE NO. 39D01-2503-DN-230

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
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Petitioner,
v.
Haylee Hoagland
Respondent.

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Haylee Hoagland
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You have been sued by your spouse for dissolution of marriage. The case is pending in the Court named above. If this Summons is accompanied by an Order Setting Hearing, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated on the Order Setting Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A DECISION MAY BE MADE BY THE COURT. If a Temporary Restraining Order is issued, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.
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Byron outduels Blaney for victory at Martinsville and NASCAR Championship 4 berth

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — With a Championship 4 spot on the line Sunday, William Byron put the bumper to Ryan Blaney to win at Martinsville Speedway in the third-round finale of the NASCAR Cup Series playoffs. Byron made his winning

move with 43 laps remaining, seizing the bottom lane in Turn 1 and moving Blaney up the track by tagging him in the left rear. The Hendrick Motorsports driver led the rest of the way and fended off Blaney on a restart with 11 laps remaining. Starting from the pole position, Byron led a race-high 304

of 500 laps for his third victory this season in the No. 24 Chevrolet. “I thought William drove the race of his life,” said Hendrick vice chairman Jeff Gordon, a four-time Cup champion and nine-time winner at Martinsville himself. It was the first win in 11 races since August at Iowa

Speedway for Byron, who won the regular-season championship despite a six-month drought after opening the year with his second consecutive Daytona 500 victory. He had one top-five finish (a third at New Hampshire Motor Speedway) in the previous eight playoff races and opened the third round

with a 36th at Las Vegas Motor Speedway and a 25th at Talladega Superspeedway that left him in a win-or-else

position to make his third consecutive Championship 4 appearance.

HONOR

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gone away in 1977 when they had the telethon to keep the team, it's probably pretty unlikely the Colts would have come and so this would have been a Pottersville of professional sports without her and certainly Slick as well.” In June, Gainbridge Fieldhouse was rocking in the first quarter of Game 7 as fans came to watch the game in Oklahoma City on the big screen, then fell silent as they watched Haliburton crash to the floor, unable to get up. The Pacers went on to lose the game, falling short of their first NBA crown.

Haliburton, who isn't expected to play this season, was his usually joyous self. He said in an interview with ESPN that he recently began running and jumping.

The rest of the Pacers tried to begin showing they remain capable of another run without him against a Thunder team whose expectations are much clearer.

“It's very, very difficult because it's a great team,” Carlisle said of the champions. “They have some guys that are out tonight, but they're so deep and they have so many interchangeable pieces that it doesn't really mean much that they're missing a few guys. We have a lot of new guys, too.”



Darron Cummings

Fans watch from behind a FanDuel sign during the first half of an NBA basketball game between the Indiana Pacers and the Oklahoma City Thunder, Thursday, Oct. 23 in Indianapolis.



Darron Cummings

Indiana Pacers' Pascal Siakam (43) shoots over Oklahoma City Thunder's Brooks Barnhizer (23) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Thursday, Oct. 23 in Indianapolis.

PURDUE

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made threes for just under 50% shooting from beyond the arch.

“Jasper Johnson could have been the difference in the game,” Purdue coach Matt Painter said. “Made some big shots and made some big plays.”

Outside of just scoring play, Mouhamed Dioubate brought in nine rebounds while both Chandler and Denzel Aberdeen dished out three assists each.

Kentucky shot 49.2% from the field while limiting Purdue to 38.6 percent.

The Wildcats won second chance points 14-4, fast break points 15-5 and bench points 34-18.

Ten Wildcats played at least 15:41 tonight. All 10 players scored, had at least one rebound and one assist.

Three Wildcats scored in double figures. Johnson led the way with 15 points while Noah and Oweh tallied 10 each.

Dioubate led all rebounders with nine boards.

The Wildcats are back in exhibition action again Thursday to host the Georgetown Hoyas at 7 p.m. (TV: Live on SECN+). Purdue hosts University of Indianapolis at 7 p.m. Wednesday (TV: Live on BIG+).



LEGAL NOTICE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF THE STUCKER FORK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
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NOTICE INVITING)
) NOMINATIONS TO FILL)
) A VACANCY ON THE)
) BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

IN THE MATTER OF THE STUCKER)
FORK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

The Board of Directors, Stucker Fork Conservancy District, of Scott and Jefferson Counties, Indiana, hereby gives notice inviting nominations to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors of said District – for a Four (4) year term as a member thereof beginning on December 15, 2025, which vacancy shall be filled by a majority secret written ballot vote of the freeholders of the District who are present and voting in person or by a written ballot vote which must be signed and mailed or delivered to the District Office. Said annual meeting of said Board of Directors will be held at 7:30 p.m. E.S.T on Monday the 15th day of December 2025, as previously established by the Scott Circuit Court.

The name of the Director whose term expires on December 15, 2025 is: John Bard, 2752 E. Cutshall Road, Austin, Indiana 47102, who currently represents Area One (1) of the District as established by the Order of the Scott Circuit Court, dated January 10, 1969, defined as follows:

Area One (1) is that portion of the District situated in Jennings and Johnson Township, Scott County, Indiana and that portion of the District in Section 9, Township 3N, Range 8E, in Graham Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.

Said term for said Area One (1) shall be for Four (4) years beginning at the Annual Meeting of said District on December 15, 2025.

Additional qualifications of a Director are: That said Director shall be a freeholder of the Area of the District for which he or she is nominated or an Officer or nominee of a corporate freeholder of the Area of the District for which he or she is nominated and shall be qualified by knowledge and experience in matters pertaining to the development of the District.

Nominations for said Director as specified hereinabove shall be submitted to the Office of the District, as set out below, in writing prior to the first day of December, 2025 and each of such written nominations shall be signed by at least five (5) freeholders from the Area for which said nominations are made as designated by this notice, namely Area One (1) as set out hereinabove. Nominations shall be deemed as submitted and received at the District Office if delivered thereto or the envelope containing the same with sufficient United States Postage thereon is addressed to the District Office and postmarked prior to the first day of December 2025 and delivered thereto.

This Notice is given as provided by law, namely, an act relating to Conservancy Districts, the same being Acts of the General Assembly, 1957, as Amended. (I.C. 14-33-5-3)

DATED this 22nd of October, 2025.
Lisa Wheeler, Financial Clerk
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